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COUNTY JUDGE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
964 EAST HARRISON ST. – 2ND FLOOR
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78520



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, NON-PROFIT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING AID TO LAGUNA HEIGHTS AFTER SEVERE WEATHER EVENT TO REGISTER WITH CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Cameron County on the 13th day of May, 2023, suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from a Severe Weather Event; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of Cameron County issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster on May 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of Cameron County extended the declaration of local state of disaster on May 20, 2023, due to a continued need to alleviate suffering and mitigate damages; and

WHEREAS, credible information of potential exploitation of residents and occupants of the affected area has come to light; and

WHEREAS, the Judge of Cameron County has authority to control ingress and egress to areas affected by the local state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of the public and minimize the opportunity for exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF CAMERON COUNTY:

1. All individuals, groups, non-profit entities, and/or non-governmental organizations providing or intending to provide goods, services, relief or assistance to the residents or occupants of Laguna Heights Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organizations providing or intending to provide aid, goods, or services to residents or occupants of Laguna Heights affected by the severe weather event of May 13, 2023, shall immediately register in writing with:

Cameron County Emergency Management Services
964 E. Harrison St., 2nd Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520
Phone: 9956) 547-7000
Fax: (956) 547-7006

And provide information concerning the name of the entity, responsible individuals, contact information and the mission or goal of the entity.

2. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Order Requiring Registration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES AN EMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

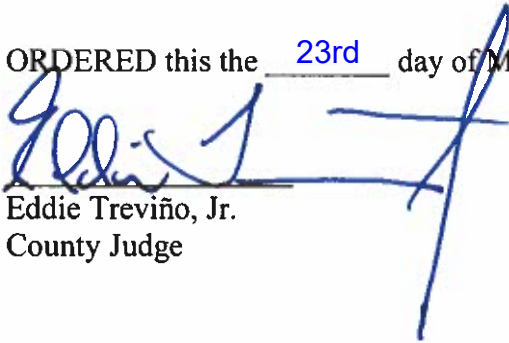
Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, any supplier of groceries, pharmacies, and building materials that take advantage of a disaster declaration by selling necessities at an excessive price may be required to reimburse consumers and may be held liable for civil penalties up to \$10,000 per violation with an additional penalty of up to \$250,000 if the affected consumers are elderly.

Residents and occupants of Laguna Heights affected by the severe weather event of May 13, 2023, who believe they have encountered price gouging or disaster scams may call the Office of the Attorney General's toll-free complaint line at (800) 621-0508 or file a complaint online at [File a Consumer Complaint | Office of the Attorney General \(texasattorneygeneral.gov\)](#).

Affected individuals may also contact the:

Cameron County District Attorney's Office
964 E. Harrison St., 4th Floor
Brownsville, Texas 78520
Phone: (956) 544-0849
Fax: (956) 544-0869
E-mail: district.attorney@co.cameron.tx.us

ORDERED this the 23rd day of May 2023 at 2:40 o'clock, p.m.



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge